

Our Mission:

- ❖ To raise awareness of the wide-spread incidence of Prostate Cancer and the need for early and annual screening exams,
- ❖ To provide information and support to men newly diagnosed with Prostate Cancer, and
- ❖ To foster research into better diagnostic tools and treatment options for Prostate Cancer.

*Foundation adds
New Staff Member*

Bets Burrell joined the Foundation in July as Patient Programs Director. With a background in supportive services for cancer patients, she has joined with Ginya Carnahan, Development Director, in Foundation education, outreach and programming.

One area Bets has concentrated on is resources and networking opportunities for the partners of Dattoli patients. Often times during a cancer challenge, the needs of the caregiver are put aside. Sharing resources and ideas with others can be a great comfort, so we keep the coffee on, and Bets is "on call" to assist.



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Patients, family members attend weekly lectures

Patients under treatment at Dattoli Cancer Center are invited to attend weekly programs of the Foundation-sponsored "Beamers" group. These educational meetings offer rotating lectures on topics that really matter to people affected by prostate cancer.

This year we had some excellent programs, covering particular segments of patient care ranging from physics and IMRT to the emotional impact of cancer and appropriate nutritional guidelines. The clinical staff, as well as many local professionals volunteer their time to provide these programs for Dattoli patients and others who might be interested.

Certainly a favorite program is the appearance of our "Brachy Twins." Stew Bitterman, Peter Voeller and Elzie McCord, Sarasota residents, former Dattoli patients, and old friends are happy to take turns sharing their personal recollections about what it's like to go through radiation treatment and brachytherapy. Their program is called "Been There, Done That," and they answer any and all questions thrown at them. The patient perspective is a very important one - one that strengthens the confidence current patients are building during their own experience.

Attending Beamer's Meetings is good for the health, physically and emotionally. Knowledge is powerful, and the only side effects are the friendships and connections made with other patients and their partners.

How you can become a part of the team...



Each new year brings new opportunities to educate, inspire, and embrace the needs of men experiencing prostate cancer. Through your financial support, the Dattoli Cancer Foundation can continue to make a difference to those touched by this disease. As we look toward our 3rd anniversary, we invite you to join us in our mission of serving the needs of thousands of men facing this challenge. They, too, can emerge from their ordeal as survivors.